

CITY OF BOULDER  
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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING MINUTES

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| <b>Name of Board/Commission:</b> Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b> November 24, 2014   |
| <b>Contact Information Preparing Summary:</b> Sarah DeSouza 303-413-7223  |
| <b>Board Members Present:</b> Mike Conroy, Myriah Conroy, Kelly Wyatt, Mike Guzek, Marty Gorce, Tom Klenow<br><b>Board Members Absent:</b> Michelle Estrella  |
| <b>Staff Present:</b> Jeff Dillon, Yvette Bowden, Jeff Haley, Lisa Martin, Alison Rhodes, Teri Olander, Dean Rummel, Todd Calvin, Doug Godfrey, Matt Kamhi, Erynn Simone, Megann Lohman and Tim Duda  |
| <b>Guests Present:</b> None   |
| <b>Type of Meeting:</b> Advisory/Regular  |
| <b>Agenda Item 1: Call to Order</b><br>The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. and the agenda was approved.  |
| <b>Agenda Item 2: Future Board Items and Tours</b><br>Future items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1/2015 – Civic Area meeting for boards/commissions</li><li>• 6/2015 – Civic Area plan to Council for acceptance</li><li>• Spring 2015 – Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) update with strategic plan</li><li>• Valmont City Park update – Back to PRAB in for approval in first or second quarter 2015</li><li>• Aquatics Feasibility Study – will come back to PRAB in for approval in first or second quarter 2015</li><li>• 12/15/2015 –December Board meeting</li></ul>   |
| <b>Agenda Item 3: Public Participation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emily Brake, resident, expressed appreciation for the recent meeting about the adult dance program and a desire for further dialogue regarding improvements in the service delivery.</li><li>• Ingrid Fotino, resident, expressed support for Elizabeth Ross as a valued teacher in the adult dance program (ballet).</li><li>• Mary Beth Lisse, resident, spoke in support of Elizabeth Ross as a valued teacher in the adult dance program (ballet).</li></ul> Board discussion and comments regarding the dance program included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conroy (Mike) indicated that the Board would be discussing the dance contract with Kinesis later in the meeting.</li></ul>                                      |
| <b>Agenda Item 4: Consent Agenda</b><br><br><b>A. Park Development Update</b><br>Written updates were provided to the board as part of the packet materials. These are items that require no board action or discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conroy (Mike) indicated a desire to further discuss park update items.</li><li>• Dillon indicated that any item can be called up for additional discussion or information.</li><li>• Conroy (Myriah) requested additional information on the prairie dog relocation update. Dillon indicated that there are 6 to 18 prairie dogs left to be captured. The desire is to capture/relocate all prairie dogs. New prairie dog colonies have successfully established since the flood and over 700 prairie dogs have been successfully relocated to date.</li></ul> |
| <b>Agenda Item 5: Items for Action</b><br>There were No Items for Action.   |

## **Agenda Item 6: Items for Discussion/Information**

**A. Dance Pilot Partnership Update** – Bowden provided a comprehensive update on how and why the dance program partnership pilot decision was made.

PRAB feedback:

- Conroy (Mike) asked how the type of dance classes offered by Kinesis are determined
- Conroy (Myriah) asked if Kinesis offers private lessons and, if so, is there a revenue split
- Conroy (Myriah) voiced concern regarding the sole source nature of the contract award
- Conroy (Myriah) asked whether this model will be pursued for future program partnerships for highly specialized programs
- Conroy (Myriah) voiced concern about the appearance of nepotism in the contract award process
- Conroy (Myriah) indicated a desire to review the service delivery matrix data
- Wyatt asked what years Expressions was offered by the city
- Guzek voiced concern that this issue became so contentious and that it was drawn out to the point where tensions and frustrations arose
- Conroy (Mike) indicated that he is supportive of the partnership model and asked for dialogue to continue between staff and the Board

Next steps:

- City staff will continue to meet at minimum quarterly with contractors to discuss service quality and level with dance program
- Continue to pursue successful partnership with Kinesis for the term of the contract pilot period
- Continue the conversation with the dance community regarding their interests and concerns
- City has developed easy and visible electronic mechanisms for the public to provide feedback regarding parks and recreation programs and services (website links, Rec Center feedback cards, notice and link in Recreation Guide)
- Continue to maximize the programming and scheduling of dance classes in the city's facilities within the context of other recreation program service delivery
- Staff will continue to monitor and evaluate the dance program pilot
- An RFP will be issued in 2016 for dance program services continuing after 05/31/17
- Review the request to eliminate the existing three week breaks between sessions
- Look at how to smoothly transition programs to partnership delivery as we move forward

**B. Aquatics Feasibility Program** – Rhodes provided a comprehensive update on the department's aquatics feasibility study.

PRAB feedback:

- Guzek complimented the process so far and spoke to the diversity of interested aquatics users in the community
- Wyatt asked whether Boulder Valley Summer Swim Leagues, BVSD and CU were included in the stakeholder meetings
- Conroy (Mike) spoke about the opportunity for this study coinciding with the Valmont City Park recommendations
- Gorce indicated there are opportunities for partners to assist with the development of future facilities by generating sponsorships
- Conroy (Mike) spoke to the need to consider naming rights in order to address million dollar deficits
- Wyatt addressed the need to partner with YMCA, BVSD to reinstate the school-aged learn to swim/drown proofing program
- Guzek spoke to the need to involve parents in the discussion
- Conroy (Myriah) asked if the department anticipates privatizing any aquatics programs

PRAB comments to inform this phase of the plan:

- What is needed and what is needed most
- Need to anticipate future needs and building more adaptable facilities as well as who is going to be using the pool in the future
- Need to consider: designing facilities to reduce chlorine use, year- round program for competitive swimming, the possibility of bleachers, learn- to-swim program (free), flexible facility (multiple use), doors that open (garage doors/retractable roof), warm water pools (wellness pools), varied depths
- Request to review stakeholder lists to offer suggestions

Next steps:

- Community engagement process includes: pop up chats, online surveys, stakeholders meetings
- Demographic analysis of the community and the community of swimmers
- Update will be provided in December; recommendations will be presented in January

#### **Agenda Item 7: Matters from the Department**

**A. Valmont City Park Planning** - Godfrey provided an update on the Valmont City Park planning process with slight process modifications responsive to earlier PRAB suggestions for enhanced community engagement opportunities.

Next steps:

- Conduct additional outreach to neighborhoods adjacent to the park
- 12/4 Meeting with San Lazaro community at community club house (offering food, child care suggested)
- December meeting (on a Saturday) at Platte Farm House for Kings Ridge and Vista Ridge
- Engage specific members of roundtable groups in additional conversations
- Host a community meeting on 12/16/15
- Conduct additional outreach to community in pop-up type meetings after community meetings where public is asked pointed strategic questions
- Recommendations to PRAB in February 2015

**B. Proposed Smoking Ban** - Martin provided an updated on the City of Boulder's proposed expansion of the smoking ban.

Next steps:

- 1/20/15 Second reading of the Ordinances by Council

#### **C. Nature Play**

Next steps:

- Department will adopt the guidelines, engage children in Civic Area (Creek at the Core) and other planning efforts.

#### **Agenda Item 8: Matters from Board Members**

##### **A. City Council Retreat Questions for Boards and Commissions**

Next steps:

- Priority from the department to Council is to improve the partnership process including naming, fund raising, engaging public and implementing partnerships
- Department will provide PRAB with background information on department partnerships and other successful national partnership models

**Next Board Meeting: December 15, 2014**

**Adjourn:** There being no further business to come before the board at this time; the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved by:

Attested:

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Mike Conroy  
Board Chair

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Sally Dietrich  
Board Secretary

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